

5 An architecture for distributing digital information
to subscriber units wherein selection from among multiple
digital services is accomplished by transmitting a tuning
command from a subscriber unit to an intermediate interface.
The intermediate interface selects the desired service from a
0 broadband network and transmits it to the subscriber unit over
a bandwidth-constrained access line. The bandwidth-
constrained access line may be implemented with existing
infrastructure, yet the subscriber unit may access a wide
variety of digital information available on the broadband
network. Universal broadband access is thus provided at low
cost. Output bandwidth of broadcast equipment may also be
optimized.

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